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the National Army would soon be established in Eastern Germany. [] the combat efficiency of this army would be based on political indoctrination rather than on drill. [] the newly activated troops would have to attain the same extent of patriotic enthusiasm as prevails in the Soviet Army. [] it was planned, therefore, to reserve one third of the service time for political indoctrination.*

[] did not know of any plans for a blockade of West Berlin or for sealing off West Berlin from East Berlin. [] this would be inappropriate inasmuch as traffic with West Berlin encompassed several marked advantages for the East. [] political connections in Western Germany could be maintained by means of an interzonal passport prepared in Western Germany for West Berlin; and added that the Socialist achievements in East Berlin impressed the population in West Berlin and thus also the population in Western Germany. [] if a blockade of West Berlin were actually decided upon, the Russians would scarcely permit an air lift. [] the American guarantee for Berlin could not be taken seriously, as United States would not go to war because of Berlin; for a third World War would unavoidably result in the loss of Europe for the Americans.

comment. There is no doubt that the personnel of the future National Army in Eastern Germany will receive excessive political indoctrination. It cannot be determined, however, [redacted] indoctrination to be a success. [redacted]

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